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SUBJECT: ANTI-SEMITISM ON THE WANE IN RUSSIA REF: MOSCOW 2586

Classified By: Ambassador John R. Beyrle for reason 1.4 (d)

[1](#)1. (C) Summary: Russia has recently shown clear signs of throwing off its long and tragic history of anti-Semitism. In the past several years,

From "Oy, Vey" to OK -----

[1](#)2. (C) As the country that a century ago produced "The Protocols of the Elders of Zion," saw state-sponsored pogroms that prompted the emigrat

Some of the GOR's best friends are Jews -----

[1](#)3. (C) Not surprisingly, the most prominent Jewish leaders have scrupulously maintained friendly relations with the GOR. Rabbi Berel Lazar of

[1](#)4. (C) Some of positive Lazar's statements must be taken with a grain of salt. This same Interfax statement also contains the dubious -- and s

[1](#)5. (C) Notwithstanding Lazar's possible ulterior motives for praising the GOR, other Jewish leaders have confirmed this rosy assessment of off

[1](#)6. (C) More substantively, Lazar told us that two years ago, GOR officials brought him a list of anti-Semitic books and publications that they

[1](#)7. (C) Many other Jewish leaders in the NGO world have also striven mightily to establish good relations with the GOR, and the effort has paid

Social attitudes also improving -----

[1](#)8. (C) Alexander Axelrod of the Jewish Anti-defamation League explained to us on October 23 his belief that, while in the past official anti-s

[1](#)9. (C) Anti-Semitism has been a part of Russian culture for such a long time that it would be unrealistic to expect it to disappear overnight.

[1](#)10. (C) Shayevech noted that economic factors may exacerbate suspicion towards Jews, as the crisis has inflamed xenophobia generally, and publ

[1](#)11. (C) Keshner also alluded to examples of ingrained MOSCOW 00003033 003 OF 003 suspicion towards Jews in society; for example, at a Project R

And then there's Israel -----

[1](#)12. (C) Another factor tipping the GOR and Russians towards a more favorable attitude towards Jews is the palpable warming trend in Russian-Is

[1](#)13. (C) Tsevi Mirkin of the Israeli Embassy in Russia told us December 17 that the positive trend in Russian-Israeli relations began in the 19

Comment -----

[1](#)14. (C) Xenophobic currents in Russian society, ever-present even in the best of times, have undoubtedly worsened since the fall of the Soviet

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